#### MINUTES

## MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

### JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND COMMERCE

Call to Order: By Chairman Rick Ripley, on February 2, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317-C Capitol.

#### ROLL CALL

#### Members Present:

Rep. Rick Ripley, Chairman (R)

Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen, Vice Chairman (D)

Rep. John L. Musgrove (D)

Sen. Bill Tash (R)

Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

Rep. Craig Witte (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Pam Joehler, Legislative Branch

Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary

For Christie Messer

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

#### Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: Informational Hearing Department of

Agriculture

Executive Action: None

#### Meeting with the Department of Agriculture

00:00:48 Pam Joehler EXHIBIT (jnh23a01) EXHIBIT (jnh23a02) 00:04:15 Nancy Peterson, Department of Agriculture (AGR) 00:06:43 Cathy Seacat, AGR 00:16:05 Rep. Ripley 00:16:29 Ms. Seacat, AGR 00:16:59 Sen. Tash 00:17:20 Rep. Ripley 00:17:52 Ms. Seacat, AGR 00:18:24 Sen. Tropila 00:18:56 Ms. Seacat, AGR 00:24:28 Sen. Tash 00:24:46 Ms. Seacat, AGR 00:29:27 Sen. Tropila 00:29:37 Ms. Seacat, AGR 00:30:38 Rep. Ripley 00:30:44 Ms. Seacat, AGR 00:31:47 Greg Ames, AGR 00:42:39 Sen. Tropila 00:43:06 Mr. Ames, AGR 00:45:06 Sen. Hansen 00:46:10 Mr. Ames, AGR 00:49:12 Sen. Hansen 00:49:28 Mr. Ames, AGR 00:50:00 Sen. Tropila 00:55:48 Mr. Ames, AGR 00:58:50 Sen. Hansen 00:58:55 Mr. Ames, AGR 00:59:12 Sen. Hansen 00:59:19 Mr. Ames, AGR 01:02:21 Rep. Ripley 01:02:26 Mr. Ames, AGR 01:02:32 Pam Joehler 01:03:33 Rep. Witte 01:05:11 Mr. Ames, AGR 01:07:34 Rep. Ripley 01:07:39 Mr. Ames, AGR 01:13:06 Rep. Witte 01:13:20 Mr. Ames, AGR 01:15:11 Rep. Ripley 01:15:25 Mr. Ames, AGR 01:17:50 Joel Clairmont, AGR 01:25:50 Sen. Tash 01:25:52 Mr. Clairmont, AGR 01:27:40 Sen. Hansen 01:27:54 Mr. Clairmont, AGR

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02:12:33 Adjournment

REP. RICK RIPLEY, Chairman

KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary
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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT (jnh23aad.pdf)